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REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in this application. Claims 32 and 33 have been added. Claim 32 contains subject matter removed from original claim 18 whereas claim 33 contains subject matter removed from original claim 1. No new matter has been added.

1. Priority Document

The Examiner has indicated that a copy of the foreign priority document was not present with the copy of the papers for the PCT application and must be submitted to perfect the priority claim. Applicant hereby submits a copy of the Notice received from the International Bureau acknowledging receipt of the certified copy of the priority document (Denmark PA 1999 00415). The International Bureau is charged with forwarding the certified copy of the priority document to the designated receiving office, not the Applicant.

2. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 4, 6, 11, 15 and 18-30 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner suggested that certain modifications be made to the claims to overcome the indefiniteness issues. Applicant has made the recommended changes in claims 4 and 6. The Examiner also rejected claims 11 and 15 for lack of antecedent basis. Claims 18-30 were rejected as being confusing for the inclusion of an optional step. Claim 23 was rejected for the inclusion of the term "absorbent". Claim 24 was rejected because "bio" should be inserted before --macromolecule--. Applicant has also amended

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certain of the claims to define numerical values as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant believes that the foregoing claim amendments have addressed and obviated each and every one of the issues raised by the Examiner. Reconsideration and removal of the claim rejections is therefore requested.

3. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-3, 5, 7-10, 12-14, 16 and 17 are allowed and the remaining claims are free of the prior art. The remaining claims, however, were rejected as being indefinite. Applicant has amended the claims to obviate the indefiniteness rejections and submits that all of the claims are allowable.

Favorable consideration and early allowance of the claims is requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Leonard R. Svensson (Reg. No. 30,330) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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